Pd-Catalyzed Sequential Reactions via Allene Intermediate for the Synthesis of Polycyclic Frameworks Containing 2,3-Dihydrofuran Units

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Previous work in the Huang group



Intramolecular [4 + 2] *cycloadditions of allenes*



Intramolecular [4 + 2] *cycloadditions of ene - allenes*



Title paper: The initial study and variation of the amine base



Synthesis of tricycles and variation of Aromatic functionality



entry	\mathbb{R}^1	R ²	Ar	yield (%)	
1	Me	Н	C_6H_5	73	
2	Me	Η	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	80	
3	Me	Н	o-BrC ₆ H ₄	68	
4	Me	Н	p-FC ₆ H ₄	79	
5	Н	Н	o-BrC ₆ H ₄	65	
6	Н	Н	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	76	
7	Me	Н	m-BrC ₆ H ₄	81	
8	Me	Н	o-MeOC ₆ H ₄	71	

entry	R ¹	R ²	Ar	yield (%)
9	Me	Me	C_6H_5	85
10	Н	Me	C_6H_5	81
11	Me	Me	p-FC ₆ H ₄	85
12	Н	Me	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	75
13	Н	Me	p-FC ₆ H ₄	80

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	entry	\mathbb{R}^1	Ar	time (h)	yield (%)
Chan Da Haana V	1	Н	C_6H_5	18	55 (46)
	2	Me	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	24	63
<i>Org. Lett.</i> 2008 , ASAP	3	Н	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	20	58
	4	Н	p-ClC ₆ H ₄	16	63
	5	Н	p-FC ₆ H ₄	10	71
	6	Me	p-FC ₆ H ₄	10	76

7 Me $o-BrC_6H_4$ 24 h or 18 h -

Proposed Mechanism





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A competing side reaction



3-iodobuteneolides





8a: $R^2 = H$, Ar = Ph (76%)8b: $R^2 = H$, $Ar = p - FC_6H_4 (80\%)$ 8c: $R^2 = CH_3$, $Ar = 0 - MeOC_6H_4 (68\%)$ 8d: $R^2 = H$, Ar = 10-anthracene (61%)



8e: Ar = 0-MeOC₆H₄ (60%) **8f**: Ar = p-FC₆H₄ (81%)



8g: Ar = p-MeC₆H₄ (61%)

Additional characteristics to probe



Panepophenanthrin

- Other functional groups located at the "Ar" position
- Structural complexity

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- Substrate control on stereochemistry
- Other Pd⁽⁰⁾ sources



Mild conditions to construct polycyclic ring systems containing a 2,3-dihydrofurnan moiety using a Pd⁽⁰⁾ catalyst.

Construction of these polycyclic rings systems was achieved through a cascade process utilizing a Sonogashira coupling, allene formation through propargyl isomerization, and subsequent 4 + 2 cycloaddition.